

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Change paragraph 0002, as follows:

[0002] In an optical reading apparatus provided in an image forming apparatus, methods of reading an original include a stationary original reading method in which transport means such as a belt or roller feeds an original on a platen, and an optical reading system scans the original placed stationary on the platen to read an image on the ~~an~~ original, and a sheet through reading method in which an optical reading system situated at a fixed reading position reads an original while a feeding apparatus is transporting the original.

Change paragraph 0036, as follows:

[0036] A plurality of mounting holes 50d is formed at an edge of the transparent film member 50 at an upstream side in the original feeding direction. Protrusions 50a are formed on the transfer guide 15 as fasteners for engaging the mounting holes 50d so that the transparent film member 50 is supportably mounted. Tongue portions 50b and 50c separated into adjacent strips are formed at the other edge of the transparent film member 50 at a downstream side in the original feeding direction. The tongue portions 50b separated into the strips extend freely toward an original guiding surface of the discharge guide 16. The tongue portions 50c ~~extends~~ extend at a backside of the discharge guide 16. The mounting holes 50f formed in the leading edges of the tongue portions 50c engage the protrusions 55a formed on the tension application member 55 as the fasteners.